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IF LINCOLN WERE HERE TODAY.

"Abraham Lincoln would be fighting at the head of the army of progressives were he here today," says the San Bernardino News. All this, of course, is purely conjectural, but from all we know of Lincoln, if he were here today he would do nothing foolish or demagogic. Lincoln, in his time, was accused by his enemies of a great many offenses but he was never accused of being a demagogue. There is not a word in the speeches or writings of Lincoln to indicate sympathy with, or comprehension of the ideals of the progressives of today. He found no fault with our government and institutions as they existed from the foundation of the republic until he ascended to the presidency. Never, by a single line, did he advocate any change in the form of the government, but all his speeches and messages, after he became president, related to its preservation.

It was the fashion of the populists a quarter of a century ago and since as their successors in interest, the progressives of today, are doing, to interpret those words, "a government of the people, by the people and for the people," to mean such a form of direct popular government as the progressives are now trying to establish. If Lincoln had had such a thing in mind, he would have stated his meaning so clearly that his language would need no construing. But when we take into consideration the circumstances in which the phrase was uttered, we know that in the words, "by the people," he did not mean what we have come to understand by the term, "popular government."

He meant, and could mean nothing else, than the government as it had stood from the beginning, a purely representative government. There had never been any other kind and no other kind had ever been proposed. But that government was then on trial in the throes of a fierce rebellion. Lincoln was not sure that it would survive the fiery test and he called upon the people to rally to the support of, not some experimental or ideal government they had ever known, "of the people, by the people and for the people," as they knew it.

As we have observed, it is impossible to say what Lincoln would do or believe if he were here now, but from what we know of his honesty and his habits of thought and action, we cannot conceive that he would align himself with the men who are now at the head of the so-called progressive movement.

SELF-PLUNDERERS.

In a curious editorial, supplemented by an equally curious cartoon, our contemporary, the Los Angeles Tribune, shows why the price of steel rails is kept up and why the rails are brittle and worthless and productive of frequent railway disasters. It is because, says the Tribune, of a "duality of identity," that is, because the men who own the railroads, control the manufacture of the rails and in the exercise of that control, they compel themselves to pay exorbitant prices for the rails.

Not only that, they impose upon themselves rails of such a dangerous inferior quality that disasters involving destruction of their own property and a great waste of human life inevitably ensue. This waste is generally allowed for through the medium of costly damage suits or slightly less expensive settlements with the heirs of the victims.

We cannot believe this to be the

IN THE SPUD OF THE MOMENT

By ROY K. MOULTON.



Copyright, 1911, C. N. Mather. (With apologies to John Lancaster Spaulding.) Inaudible move day and night. And noiseless grows the flower. Silent are pulsing wings of light. And voiceless beats the hour.

The moon utters no word when she Waits through the heavens bare; The stars forever silent flee And songless gleam through air.

Rept adoration has no tongue; No words has holiest prayer. The loftiest mountain peaks among Is stillness everywhere.

These things are not at all amiss But honestly, did you Ever think that it would come to this? T. R. is silent, too.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

When you blurt out deuces and every body stares. When wife finds the \$5 bill you have secreted beneath the coal pile in the basement. When the minister calls suddenly and finds the Green River bottle on the mantel.

When company comes and the cook demands a plate in wages before serving the dinner. When the sundewy part company right in the middle of a two-step.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

When Gen. Bell lade farewell to the soldiers going to China it must have been a ringing speech. Philadelphia is going to have a new convention hall. It should be provided with cots. The Gomez boys are thinking some of starting another revolution in Mexico. No man by that name ever thinks of anything else.

An artist is making an oil painting of President Taft. He'll have to paint fast or he'll run out of paint before he gets his job done. So Ohio is to have a new constitution. Her old one has been terribly

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

FEBRUARY 16

- 1606—Spain declared war against England.
- 1796—Ambrosia seized by the English.
- 1804—United States frigate Philadelphia burned in the harbor of Tripoli.
- 1812—Henry Wilson, eighteenth Vice President of the U. S., born in Farmington, N. H. Died in Washington, D. C. Nov. 22, 1875.
- 1826—Maryland Academy of Science and Literature incorporated.
- 1832—Steamer Independence wrecked and burned off Lower California, with loss of 140 lives.
- 1862—After resisting an attack lasting several days, Fort Donelson surrendered to the Federals.
- 1882—Congress voted the widow of President Garfield a pension of \$5,000 a year.
- 1899—Francis Felix Faure president of France, died. Born Jan. 31, 1841.

GRAND JURY TO LOOK INTO FLORIDA JUNKETS

Wickersham Makes Proposition to Probe Trips to Everglades

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—New interest was added today in the congressional inquiry into the sale of Everglades lands in Florida before the house committee. Attorney General Wickersham recommended a grand jury investigation of the charges of transportation of public funds, made against the recently deceased department of agriculture employee, C. G. Elliott, chief of the drainage division, and associates E. B. Morgan. Two others are involved. Solicitor McCallie filed with the committee a full list of the expenditures who have been accompanied an speaking tours by reports of the department and whose expenses were listed in the government, but the committee excluded the list from record. That list is said, indicated the name were not by any means collected in the last days.

statement of a fact. We do not believe the railroad owners in their capacity of steel rail manufacturers would so extort unreasonable prices from themselves. But, even if they should go that far in villainy and so extort that rascally individual who used to get up in the silent watches of the night when honest men slept, to pick his own pockets, we should think that self interest would prompt them to make a little better grade of rails, even if they had to charge themselves more for them, to the end that costly accidents on their lines would be less frequent.

The railway, magnate-steel manufacturer may not be an angel; even as a saint, he may not have his halo on quite straight, but he is admittedly worldly-wise. At any rate, he is not a fool.

ACCORDING TO UNCLE ABNER

The first real test of married life is to find out which one is going to get up and put the cat out.

Anse Judson had a good joke on a burglar the other night. The burglar told Anse to throw up his hands, and keep still and Anse laughed and told him to help himself. You see the burglar didn't know that a committee for the rummage sale had been there that day and had gone through the house with a vacuum cleaner and picked up everything worth while. A burglar's life must be full of disappointments.

There are a good many better ways to get a reputation for having a lot of money than by pulling out a roll of bills in a saloon.

The only fellows who seem to have a much on not getting killed are them which take part in the Central American wars. It's a good deal safer than wakin' on a railroad or driving a racing automobile.

It is said that President Taft is really surrounded by a large party of friends. Well, by gum, it takes a large party of friends to surround him.

It doesn't seem as though the Derby life and the top-hand necktie that looks on with a rubber are ever going to go out of style.

Some fellows are just naturally born football and others wear white hats in the winter time.

Hank Tumms has drunk up five of his Christmas presents and is saving the last one for his birthday. Nothing is impossible in this world. Anse Judson has got an electric light in his house that you light by pulling down a chain and put out by pulling down the same chain. I kin solve the nuclear hypothesis and the fourth dimensions, but this jimerack is away beyond me.

THEATRICAL MELANGE

"THE BARRIER"

New York Success Coming. This greatest success by Rex Beach has proven his greatest effort, and a long run at the New Amsterdam Theatre, New York and comes direct from there on its first transcontinental tour. No play in years has gained the notoriety that this one has. The fact is accounted for by the greatest interest taken by the American public in Alaska, the New El Dorado, and it is predicted that next summer will see a greater rush to Alaska than ever was known, even in the wildest Klondike days.

"THE BARRIER" will appear at the Orpheum on Friday February 23rd.

NEWLY WEDS AND THEIR BABY

In the course of events of importance during the season at the Orpheum it is well to note that on Monday, Feb. 19th, one of America's positive hits, perhaps the greatest and most entertaining of its class, "The Newlyweds and Their Baby," will be seen here intact and with possibly a few exceptions, the same superior cast in production as presented the piece during its remarkable engagement in New York.

There are cases where a truly great musical play is a signal success in the greater cities, but so with "The Newlyweds and Their Baby," which is one of those rare exceptions to the rule that appeals to the masses and pleases all classes. The piece is an emulation from George McManus' famous funny cartoons, built into a play by Aaron Hoffman and Paul West, with music and lyrics by Seymour Brown, Nat. D. Ayer and John W. Stratton.

For such an admirable one in its entirety, includes, Little James Brown (the peanut size comedian) D. L. Don, Margaret Braun, Lee Hayes, Eugene Young, Ralph Bevan, Beatrice Pratt, Frank Christie, W. A. Grinnell, and a big singing and dancing chorus of forty. The play is in two acts and first scenes with sixteen beautiful musical numbers interpolated. The entertainment can be safely described as a decided departure from anything heretofore seen here in musical comedy.

BUFFALO BILL IS IN BISBEE TODAY

The famous Buffalo Bill's Wild West show will be presented to the Bisbee people, in its entirety, together with Lawrence Bill's Far East show. These two great aggregations of all that is interesting in both the "Far West" and "Far East" has been secured by Manager Schmidt of the Star Theatre and will be shown Saturday and Sunday, matinee and night. Buffalo Bill's Wild West show has been seen in every country on the face of the earth, and like its leader has proven a wonder to present civilization. It can justly be said of this famous circus that it is "the greatest show on earth." Three long weeks are required to reproduce in its entirety, the feats of Buffalo Bill's and Lawrence Bill's Wild West and Far East shows. Every scene of a full two hours show reproduced with vivid reality. One thousand men, women

WALKER LOOKS FOR PRICE OF COPPER TO BE SENT HIGHER

(Boston Commercial.) Copper is stronger. Lake is 14.2 to 14.12 cents and electrolytic 14.1 to 14.08 cents a pound. The report of the Copper Producers' association was unexpectedly favorable, showing a decrease of 23,174,062 pounds in the American surplus including the change in the foreign visible. The world's copper supplies were reduced 27,011,172 pounds during January. The total visible surplus now stands at 190,757,443 pounds, which is less than four weeks' consumptive requirements.

Production and imports, however, amounted to only 119,337,753 pounds, which was less than the monthly average of the past two years. Unquestionably the mine and smelter output has increased 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds monthly, and as this has not yet begun to show in the returns, it indicates a delay at refiners' points. There was good reason to expect that production and imports for January would be approximately 130,000,000 pounds. Both domestic deliveries and exports considerably exceeded the average of the two past years, furnishing unquestionable proof that consumption is increasing steadily.

Return to Market. The buying demand for copper has been very slack for three weeks past; but consumers are again in the market, and it would not be surprising if they forced the price up to 15 cents. The general improvement in the situation has been much more rapid than anyone had reason to expect that consumers are now showing a disposition to abandon their bearish position and buy sufficient copper to cover their immediate future requirements.

Even assuming that the present dullness of general business is to continue, there is no reason to doubt that this country will consume considerably more copper this year than it did last. Each of the big electrical manufacturing companies did a record business in 1911, and they now anticipate a further increase this year. This is due to the fact that the so-called public service corporations are prosperous and are experiencing less difficulty in raising new capital than any other line of industry, and also to the remarkable progress being made in the development of hydro-electric power.

Another factor that will help to increase the consumption of copper this year is the projected activity in the building trade. Construction materials are cheaper than they have been for several years, and there is an abundant supply of labor available. Contractors are taking advantage of these potent factors to encourage the building of homes, etc. The public is not in the stock market and its surplus, therefore, is available for real estate investments. The advance of two cents a pound in the price of copper, from 12.1 to 14.12 cents, will not add over 5 per cent to the cost of covering a roof.

Production Also Grows.

A considerable increase of production is under way, such as always characterizes the first year of a period of advancing metal prices. There is no instance in the history of the trade, however, where a growing volume of output has any more than temporarily checked an advancing tendency in the price of the metal. Extreme declines in the price of copper have always followed periods in which it has sold so high as to discourage largely, if not prohibit, its general use. Low prices for copper have been traceable at all times to this cause and to business depression, when it has been more or less general all over the world.

Whenever long continued cheapness has popularized the use of copper, it has been certain to lead up to prohibitive prices ultimately. The explanation is that there never has been

GOOD PICTURE AT THE ROYAL THEATRE

Probably no record of industrial achievement in the history of any country can compare with the remarkable advancement which our great southland has made during the past year. In practically every line of endeavor this wonderland, the southwest, has equalled or even surpassed the glowing predictions of its most enthusiastic admirers. It has accomplished feats of engineering, agriculture, business building and artistic betterment that the world have deemed impossible a few years ago. In this interesting educational picture shown at the Royal tonight, will present in review some of the features of this remarkable growth, among other subjects the prime industry, of which the average man knows so little. The famous Roosevelt dam, Luther Burbank, the wheat and flower and plant life, the Watsonville Apple Fair, with its remarkable fruit displays. The largest locomotive in the world. The Santa Rosa Flower Festival, and the Los Angeles Vagabond club, in one of their thrilling exhibitions of horsemanship. A Child of the West, a remarkable dramatic sketch with a remarkable child actress. A good story splendidly staged. "The Eternal Mother," a very beautiful story. "The Professor's Daughters," a howling good comedy.

And horses participate in its production. The Grand Military Tournament, Rough Riders, Indians, Arabs, Cowboys, Plainsmen, Soldiers, Cowboys, Mexicans, Wild West Girls, Lancers, Dragons, Artillery, Grills, Acrobats from Japan, Bucking Bronchos and Elephants all pass before you in review, together with the sensational Indian uprising. A clean, entertaining, educational and up to date performance is here presented at one-fifth the price of admission to see the big shows under canvas.

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Demand Exceeds Supply. Whenever long continued cheapness has popularized the use of copper it has never failed to lead up to prohibitive prices ultimately. The explanation is that there never has been enough copper to supply, for any considerable length of time, the enormous demand which a low price creates. If all the copper the world would consume could be supplied for 10 consecutive years at 12 cents a pound the consumption would not simply double, it would multiply.

With 50 or more men selling copper directly to several hundred consumers, no two of whom have any understanding or agreement as to what price shall be asked or paid from day to day or week to week, fluctuations are unavoidable and to be expected. Supply and demand, however, never fail to determine the general tendency of prices. For a year or two past the demand has been gradually overtaking the supply, and during the coming six or eight months these two factors may travel hand in hand, but within a year or two demand will be far in the lead and prices will be tending again toward the prohibitive point.

What has been said does not necessarily imply that all coming advances in the price of copper will necessarily be followed by periods of extreme depression. It is to be anticipated rather that the future of copper will be like the past of tin.

The world's known resources of tin are rapidly being exhausted, and for many years the demand has exceeded the supply. Prior to 1879, going back to 1879 when tin sold around 17 or 18 cents, the highest price it reached was 37.14 cents a pound in 1888, and it declined as low as 12.55 cents in 1896. The average price of tin during the 19 years, 1880 to 1898 inclusive, was 19.08 cents, and the lowest average price for any one year since 1888 was 25.14 cents in 1901.

The average price of tin during the past 13 years has been about 22 cents, and at present the market price is 42 cents, which compares with high records of 48.12 cents last year and 50 cents in 1906. From 1901 to 1910 the world's output of tin increased only 20.12 per cent, and in the same period copper production increased 79 per cent. The so-called tin syndicate does not control production; it buys and sells practically the entire supply.

There is the best possible reason for the belief that the percentage of increase in the world's copper production will decline from decade to decade in the future. Conservative demand, however, should grow even more rapidly than it has in the past, due to the more general dependence of the public on electricity for lighting power. It is to be expected, therefore, that "the garment will be cut to suit the cloth," as the case of tin; the price of copper, advancing until its use in building construction and many other fields is discouraged, leaving the entire output for the electrical industry, which will require it eventually.

That the average price of copper will be higher than it has in the past is as certain as anything in the future can be; but what the price will average depends upon supply and demand and the competition of other metals. My personal investigation of the sources of supply enables me to declare with every assurance that a significant number of new mines are being developed and equipped to take care of the assured growth of consumption during the coming five years at anything like the current price level of the metal.

CALLS JUDGE LIAR.

His Honor Adjoins Court for Ten Minutes to Let Slanderer and Then Fine Himself.

MIDLAND, Texas, Feb. 17.—Judge J. H. Knowles adjourned court for ten minutes here today while he thrashed a man who had called him a liar. Judge Knowles was presiding in a dispute over a land deal. Knowles had just remarked the case was unimportant, and should be passed. Commissioner Julius Driver shook his fist and exclaimed: "You are a liar, Judge!"

"Just a second, gentlemen," said the Judge. "This court is adjourned until I kick this man." Judge Knowles did kick him after which he stepped blithely back to his desk and said: "Court is again in session, gentlemen. Let us have order. I fine myself \$10 for fighting."

SOUTHEASTERN AD MEN

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 16.—Delegates from forty advertising clubs scattered over eleven southern states filled the assembly hall of the Piedmont Hotel this morning when President T. E. Basham of Louisville called to order the annual convention of the southeastern division of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America. The exchange of greetings and the transaction of routine business occupied the initial session. This afternoon the delegates visited the Atlanta automobile show. The principal business session will be held tomorrow morning, with an automobile ride for the delegates in the afternoon. A banquet Saturday night will complete the program.

Thought for Today

By MRS. ROBERT M. LAPOLETTE.



THE TRAP THEORY.

Man and marriage are a trap—that is the essence of the young woman draws from the campaign of woman's rights, said Ida Tarbell. In each generation and in every phase of society you will hear the Katharine and the Housewife railing against marriage. Such characteristic adolescent foolishness has no more relation to suffrage today than it did when Shakespeare wrote "Taming the Shrew," and "As You Like It."

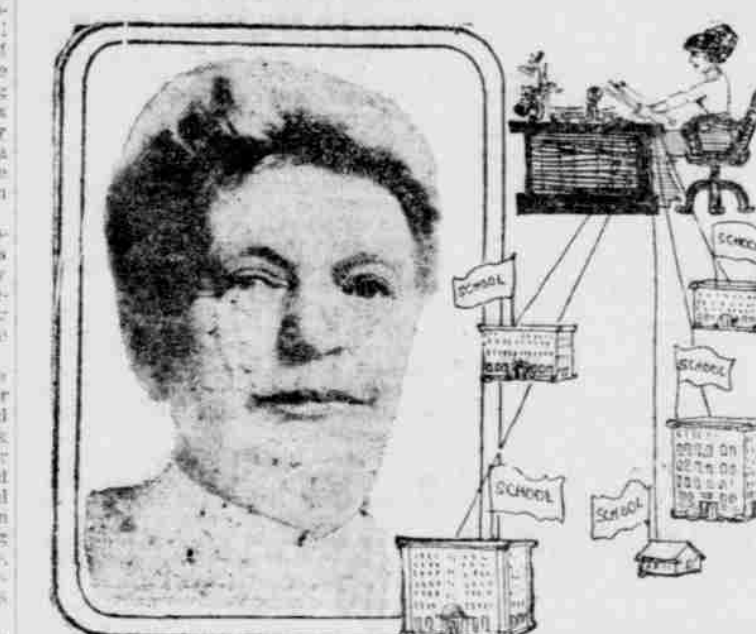
In my intimate acquaintance with many women of wise, decent environment and divergent views, I have never observed that their ideas on suffrage affected their views as to men and marriage. Doubtless, there are embittered women working for suffrage, but among the wisest there are none less conspicuous examples of having "nothing she desires, in no affairs is suggested, unless the air and says: 'I have all the rights I want.'"

Not one of the young women I know has been inoculated with this "trap-theory" serum. The college girls, who are rapidly joining the ranks for suffrage, are just wholesome young women, who, when they have studied economic questions like the tariff and the trusts, and when they see their effect on labor conditions and the cost of living, realize that women should share the responsibility of legislation.

The great majority of my acquaintances who favor suffrage, are enjoying the normal fulfillment of life—a home, which Miss Tarbell says, means a mate, children, friends, with all the radiating obligations, joys and burdens those relations imply. They favor suffrage because they believe that women can be of greater service with the direct vote than by their indirect influence. Instead of being in revolt against being "tied to a man," they are ambitious to be truly mates—to share their half of the load.

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Replaces Man as Superintendent Of Cleveland's Public Schools



CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 16.—For the second time in the world's history a woman has been appointed superintendent of Cleveland's public school system. Miss Keeler, beside being a learned scholar, has a genius for organization and a firm grasp on the details of the public school system. She held confidence and esteem of the entire community.

A Practical Coat for the Outing Girl WEATHER AFFECTS OUR TENNIS STARS



NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—This specially warm and cozy coat is intended for wear over a sweater when extra protection is needed and the coat is especially appreciated by women who do much boating or who camp out in the high altitude. The garment is made of a light soft wool mixture, and all the lines are loose and easy fitting. The four patch pockets and belt give the coat a breezy, informal look and the hood which may be turned over the head is a particularly good feature.

PORTUGAL FLOOD STRICKEN.

Whole Villages Wiped out and People are Destitute. LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 16.—Whole villages and parts of some good sized towns were washed by floods in the north of Portugal and the known damage will reach ten millions. Scenes of havoc and desolation are witnessed along the roads for miles. Many houses and other buildings collapsed and dead animals over the ground. The government is sending supplies to the victims, most all of whom are destitute.

American Team in Davis Cup Matches in Poor Physical Shape for Play

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Champion William A. Larned, "Beast" Wright and Maurice C. McLaughlin, constituting the American tennis team which met defeat in its attempt to "lift" the Davis international cup, now held by the Australians, arrived from the Antipodes today on the liner Sierra.

We were defeated by a better team under the existing conditions," was Larned's reply, which asked how he accounted for the American's poor showing. The trio begged to be excused from making any comment that might be construed as a losers explanation.

American tourists returning on the Sierra, however, said that Larned had been so crippled with rheumatism from the time of his arrival in New Zealand that neither in practice nor in the international matches did he show more than a flash of his true form. On the day of his defeat by Heath, the young Australian, the American champion was in physical distress and limped on the courts.

Wright, too, according to returning tourists was not up to his game. A few days before the international matches were called he seemed in such form that Captain Larned decided to substitute him for McLaughlin in the single events. This proved a mistake for Wright appeared to grow stale following the postponement of the matches because of the rain, while the young Californian was easily the star of the American trio.

McLaughlin, in his match with the Brooks, which he was permitted to play by courtesy of the Australians, as a substitute for Larned after a majority of the matches had already been won by the title holders, gave the Australian champion admittedly the hardest battle of the latter's career. He won two out of the three sets and tied at 5 in the fourth. Then Brooks, playing spectacular tennis, overcame the lead of the young youngster, point by point, winning the fourth set and the fifth and deciding set.

Larned and Wright will leave for New York on Wednesday. Here's a fine kettle of fish. After signing up thirty-six players, Darby O'Brien, of Duluth, finds out that Duluth is not a member of any baseball organization, having recently quit the Minnesota-Wisconsin league.